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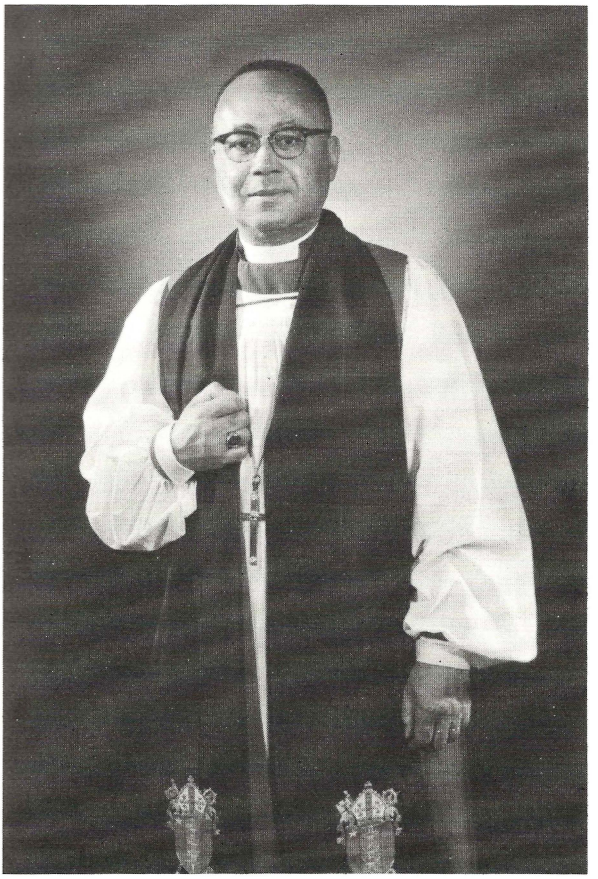
"Jesus Christ the same yesterday,
and today, and forever."
Hebrews 13:8

— Boston Globe

Bishop Sherrill Lays the Cornerstone
October 15, 1944



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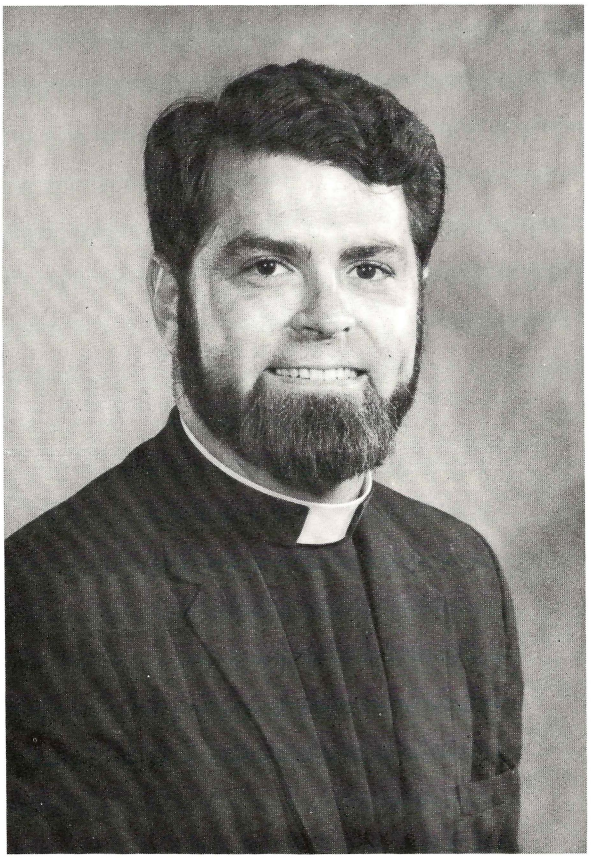

William C. Lowe

RECTOR

FOREWORD

As we celebrate the Church of the Messiah's century of serving God and his people, our attention is drawn back to the countless, important milestones that have been passed by so many Christians who have traveled here before us. We think of the faith that caused this parish to be founded in 1871 — the same faith that caused a new church to be built after the 1943 fire. We think of the proclamation of the Word of God and the Sacraments administered here: the baptisms, the confirmations, the communions, the sins forgiven, the lives healed, the marriages, the teaching of children, and the burials in the sure hope of our risen Messiah. We think of the ministry of so many Christians — lay and clergy: the prayers, the concern, the cooperation, the sacrificial giving, and the love. As we reflect on these things, we realize that the Church of the Messiah is much more than a building: It always has been, and continues to be, a lively part of the family of God. This parish has a fine history — a history that includes not only our predecessors in the Faith, but ultimately also those of us who participate in its life today — and tomorrow.

> And what of ourselves? With all these witnesses to faith around us like a cloud, we must . . . run with resolution the race for which we are entered, our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom faith depends from start to finish. (*The Letter to the Hebrews* 12:1,2)

As the Church of the Messiah enters its second century, we give hearty thanks for God's many blessings upon us. Let us pray that together we may use this opportunity to reaffirm our faith in his grace and power as we take up the race from those who ran before us, passing new milestones, and moving ever forward in his Name and in his service.

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AS far back as ninety years ago a small group of friends and neighbors gathered for occasional service in the Village Hall at West Newton as well as in the Unitarian Church there under the leadership of the Rev. N. G. Allen, an unattached Episcopalian clergyman. In 1871 a warrant was posted in August calling for a meeting to organize a parish. The warrant was signed by Julius H. Pelton, Garfield Learned, G. W. Rice, W. Garrett, W. D. Meek, J. H. Williams, W. S. Elder, Levi F. Warren (West Newton Schoolmaster for whom the Junior High School is named), J. E. Larkin, and Jeremiah Allen. The meeting was called at 8 p.m. on September 8, 1871, at the home of Jeremiah Allen on Washington Street, West Newton G. W. Rice and W. D. Meek were elected wardens, J. H. Pelton, Clerk, and Jeremiah Allen, Treasurer. A Committee was appointed to draft a Constitution and by-laws and then the meeting adjourned to November 6, 1871, at which time the Constitution was adopted and the Parish of the Messiah came to be formally organized. Committees were appointed to raise funds and to select a lot for a church site. Rev. Charles S. Lester, then a recent graduate of the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge was given a call to be in charge of the Parish in July, 1872. He accepted on condition that a chapel be soon erected in the Parish. Services were held in the Village Hall, West Newton, through the winter of 1873. The Committee on land negotiated and were authorized to purchase a lot on Washington Street near the West Newton Station but for some unknown reason the purchase never materialized. The young rector became discouraged and resigned in March, 1873. There was some talk of giving up the parish but neighboring rectors provided services until a rector could be secured.

In November, 1873, the Reverend H. J. W. Fay was secured as a "supply-rector" at ten dollars a Sunday plus whatever sum might be applied from the Parish Aid Society. The new rector was not resident, attended no Vestry meetings during his tenure, and did little else but preach. There was a deep feeling that the Parish would never grow without a resident rector so Mr. Fay was asked to resign in order to clear the way for a

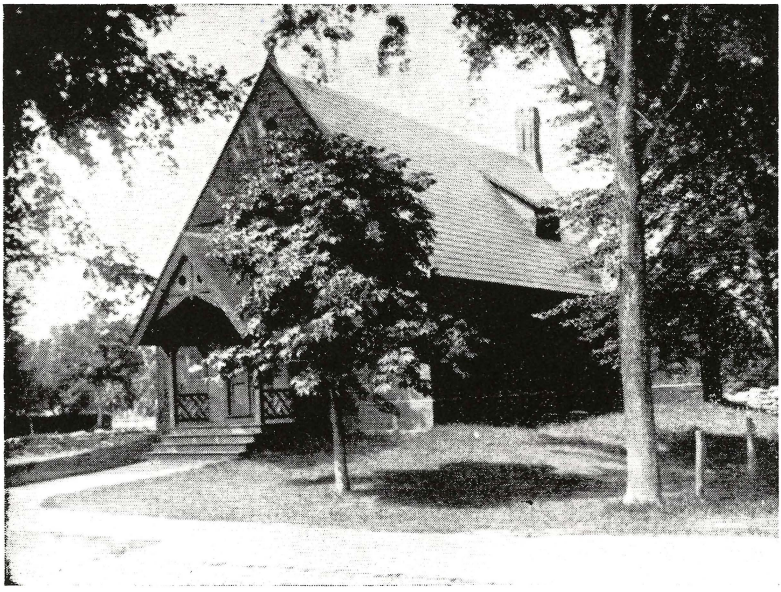
settled rector. The Rev. Francis W. Smith of Saint Albans, Vermont, was called and became the *first settled rector* on May 16, 1876.

Interest in building a chapel rose to fever pitch. Also there was a distinct increase in interest in the Auburndale end of the Parish. Auburndale at the beginning had been the "tail of the dog" and seemed quite remote and rural to the villagers of West Newton. The attempt of Auburndale persons to take part in parish affairs was even resented in some quarters and one early Parish meeting passed a resolution that the Church of the Messiah be located in West Newton "forever." A later meeting struck out the last word and in 1877 the title was amended to our present day one, "Church of the Messiah of West Newton and Auburndale." This was a wise motion for the very same meeting voted to purchase land for church and chapel on the Brown estate which was in Auburndale just over the West Newton line. It would have been embarrassing to have erected a church located in "West Newton forever" actually in Auburndale. The lot on Auburn Street pleased very few people at the time as the Auburndale interest centered around Lasell and the West Newton members felt that the Square where High School and City Hall already were located was the proper place for a church. As the years have gone on the selection of a site has proved a wise one. In 1900 Commonwealth Avenue was put through from Washington Street to the Charles River and the Church of the Messiah became the only church on Commonwealth Avenue all the way out from Boston. In the past two decades it has become a landmark for thousands of people as they pass what they call "the Church of the lighted cross."

In November, 1877, the resignation of the Rev. Francis W. Smith was accepted with regret. To quote the Warden's letter of acceptance: "Laboring as you have amongst us in the darkest days of the Parish and as we look forward to the dawn of a brighter and much more successful era, the severing of relations of Pastor and People cannot but effect us all. But knowing well the circumstances which have led you to take this step, we realize that any blame for this result lies not with you but with ourselves." The Rev. Dr. Shinn of Grace Church offered to hold afternoon services gratis until such time as a new rector should be settled. Some felt this was too much to ask and they wondered about Dr. Shinn's health. That worthy wrote the

Vestry that for the present there seemed no reason for not continuing these offices and that he would give due notice of need of help or relief from fatigue or impaired health!

In 1880 a large quantity of Longmeadow brownstone, enough to build a church and chapel, was purchased from the Rowe Street Baptist Church which was being taken down at the corner of Bedford and Chauncey Street, Boston. This stone was stored on the land on Auburn Street. In 1881 the Chapel was built facing Auburn Street, but even after its erection, the Sunday School Christmas Tree was always at the Brown's house



— Photo found in 1892 Cornerstone

The Chapel on Auburn Street, September 29, 1881

and many Sunday School parties were held there under direction of one of the family, Miss Adele Virginia Wills, "Aunt Della" as she was always affectionately called. She also had charge of Sunday picnics at Allen's Pond, West Newton, and on the Charles River at Auburndale.

The architect for the Chapel was Charles Edward Parker who served variously as Parish Clerk and Senior Warden. He was the father of the distinguished composer Horatio W. Parker.

Mrs. Parker was the original musician of the family and served as organist and choir director for the handsome stipend of $4.50 per week. Their home was the old-fashioned house still standing, 5 Williston Road, Auburndale. The first service was held in the Chapel on Saint Michaels and All Angels Day, September 29, 1881, at 7:30 a.m., with the Rev. Dr. George Shinn of Grace Church celebrating the Holy Communion. Mr. Parker had drawn complete plans for Church and Chapel, locating the Church north and west of the Chapel, with the east end truly facing east. This plan was never used but the basic idea of joining Church and Chapel was fulfilled when the Chapel was moved to its present location in 1907. It was joined to the Church by a wooden building which was constructed by Maurice Beardsley and contained a choir room upstairs and a kitchen below. The Chapel was raised providing for a dining hall on the lower level. The small wing containing the church parlor, kitchen, choir rooms and Kindergarten is the original chapel with new partitions.

In the interim period between settled rectors 1877–1882, many temporary arrangements were made by the Vestry. At one time Sunday services in the parishes at Wakefield and Auburndale were covered by the Reverend Thomas Cole. No small chore for those days! The Reverend Henry Mackay of Saint Mary's sometimes held afternoon services at Lasell. Dr. George Shinn gave up his regular trips to West Newton, but continued to be interested in the struggling parish and to offer occasional and sorely needed help. To Dr. Shinn great credit is due for making it possible for the parish to survive and to prosper through those days without a settled minister. Then too the men of the Vestry had a deep sense of responsibility and devotion to the cause. Among these pioneers were C. E. Parker, Walter Ware, Henry L. Jewett, Hezekiah Earl, W. B. Hardy, F. G. L. Henderson, Nathaniel F. Nye, and J. W. Woodruff.

On Septuagesima Sunday, February 5, 1882, the Chapel was crowded to welcome the Rev. Henry Aiken Metcalf as he came to be the second settled rector of the Parish. The forty communicants could promise only $562 annual salary but expressed the wish, if the Parish prospered, of soon raising this small figure. Several gifts were made the Parish. A communion flagon was given by Clement Jewett; Grace Church presented us with their Chapel Bell which was cast in Troy, N. Y., in 1859, which bell

survived the fire of 1943 and is now in our belfry. A communion set was given by Mr. Dutton and a small pipe organ by Mrs. A. B. Darling who was the sister of Nathaniel Nye. Also a memorial Cross, Altar linens, and vestments were given.

Everything showed promise of growth. The Rector's salary was raised. The Sunday School and the Woman's Guild flourished. Congregations were over-flowing the Chapel so it seemed time for the Church to be built. A Building Committee of Charles E. Parker, Nathaniel F. Nye, and Charles Willard Carter was appointed to consider enlarging the Chapel or building a new Church. Mr. Parker showed his plans. The picture was too good to be true. Trouble, real black trouble, descended upon the Parish.

King's Handbook for Newton 1890, stated, "Episcopalianism in Auburndale has been a flower of lanquid growth." And indeed it was. A violent difference of opinion between rector and people arose over qualified voters at the Parish meeting in 1889. The rector's decision was upheld and things progressed in spite of an undercurrent of feeling. The annual meeting of 1890 blew the lid off. Again there was a difference as to who were qualified voters. The rector was over-ruled and by a subsequent meeting there appeared two sets of wardens, Charles E. Parker and John Litch and Nathaniel Nye and Vine D. Baldwin. The feeling was by no means smoothed over when at Sunday service the Rector would refuse to give the offertory plates to Messrs. Nye and Baldwin. A Special Parish Meeting was called and a motion put to ask the rector's resignation. Mr. Metcalf would not resign, therefore a motion was made to cut the rector's salary from $25 a week to six dollars. The rector said that he had never heard of such a thing and most certainly would not put the question to the meeting. The Warden put the question and the motion carried.

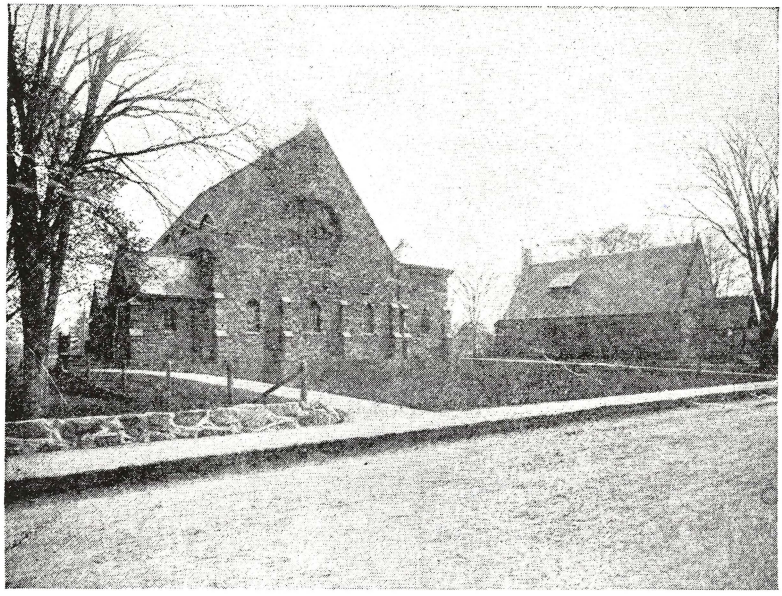
The Parish suffered. Building plans were dropped. Attendance at Sunday services fell away to the Metcalf family and but one or two others. Petitions were circulated on both sides of the controversy. Messrs. Nye and Baldwin brought civil suit and caused a preemptory writ of Mandamus to be served upon the rector for keeping them from performing their duties as church wardens. When the records of the meeting which cut the salary were read, that worthy became so angry that he tore the entire page from the Record book. At that point the meeting

became informal. Maurice Beardsley who was present recalls that by some good fortune some one put out the lights and the members went home thereby preventing bodily harm being done. The whole matter was referred to kindly but ailing Bishop Paddock for his godly judgment thereon. In five beautifully written pages of sweetness and light that good soul suggested arbitration and a common sense settlement of differences. Neither party would assent.

In 1891 the rector offered to resign on February 1st, provided his salary were paid in full. This was accepted by the vestry, but as the day approached the back salary was not paid the rector withdrew his offer. Again he made the same offer effective May 1. This time the Vestry met his terms and Mr. Metcalf brought to an end the stormiest period in our history. King's Handbook contains a picture of the proposed Church of the Messiah which Mr. Parker had suggested be added to the small Chapel. The group of buildings was dominated by a huge steeple which resembled a Norman Battle tower. Looking at the drawing one can almost picture the "disowned" rector pouring melted lead down upon his parishioners!

A call was extended to the Rev. John Matteson of Providence, Rhode Island, who had just then graduated and been ordained at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge. He accepted and began his duties in September, 1891. Under his gentle leadership the hurt was healed and the Parish again prospered.

On Sunday, March 12, 1892, the rector announced that the Vestry had appointed a Building Committee of the Rector, Mr. Nye and Mr. John W. Bird for the purpose of building a new church. Charles Edward Parker had died in 1890, but Mrs. Parker graciously offered the use of his plans for the new church. This offer was rejected by the Vestry because the plans called for a much more elaborate and expensive edifice than could be afforded. J. Foster Ober was commissioned to draw up plans of a church building located to the North and West of the Chapel. This plan was followed except for the belfry. The congregation went to work with a will to raise the necessary funds with fairs, suppers, and other activities on which goodly sums were realized. The cornerstone of the church was laid by Bishop Phillips Brooks on October 3, 1892. The tune "Auburndale" in the 1918 Hymnal



— Calendar found by Mrs. Burgess

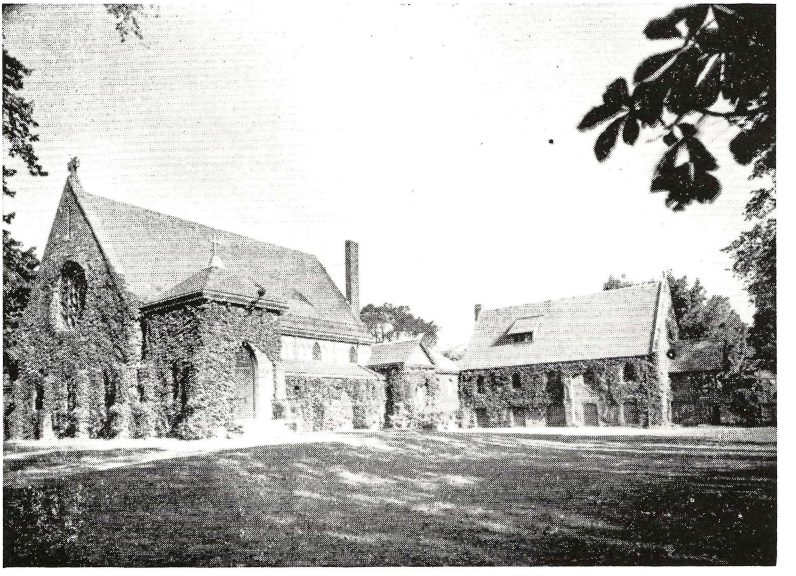
The Two Buildings, 1812–1907

was composed by Horatio Parker for this occasion. The Church was opened for services in 1893.

While Mr. Matteson was rector great changes took place and the Parish grew. In 1907 the Chapel was moved and joined to the Church. In 1909 the Church was free and clear and so Bishop William Lawrence consecrated it. After a long rectorate of 23 years Mr. Matteson resigned. He was loved by the people and his going sincerely felt. He was succeeded by the Rev. Harry Beal who took office in September, 1915. Mr. Beal, young, energetic, and just a few years removed from the Seminary at Cambridge put new life into the Parish. It was regrettable that he was only with us two years for church attendance showed a marked increase and the work of the organizations was strengthened under his leadership. In 1917 he was called to Grace Church, New Bedford. After being Dean at the Cathedral in Havana, Cuba, and also at Los Angeles, he was consecrated Missionary Bishop of the Panama Canal Zone in 1937. The strain of increased demands during the war years took its toll and he died in Panama very suddenly of heart attack in November, 1944.

The Vestry again looked in the North Country and extended a call to the Reverend Percival Matson Wood of Saint Barnabas' Church in Berlin, New Hampshire. His first service as rector was on September 9, 1917. It was in the midst of war and only 58 were on hand to greet the new rector. But attendance and interest soon increased. During the cold coal-less winter of 1918 the attendance averaged well over 100 and continued so. During 1920 a threat of stores being built on Commonwealth Avenue was used by the owner of that plot to bludgeon the Church into buying the land for protection at an exorbitant price. After hearings and quiet work by the Vestry, the land was taken by the City and made a City Park; the money being provided by the neighbors and church members.

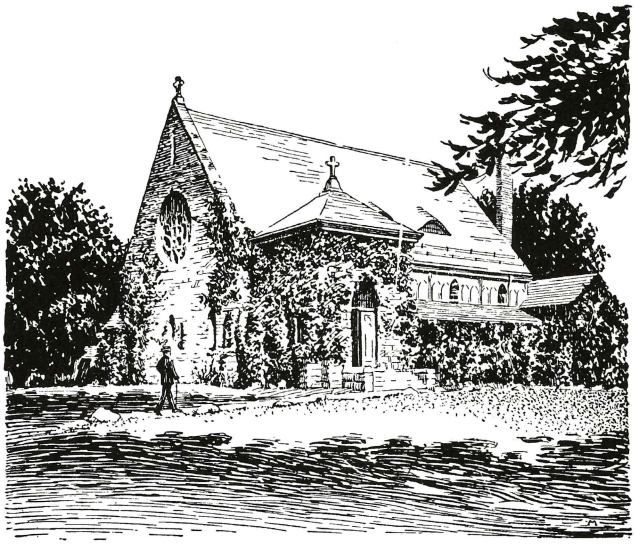
Mr. Wood remained as Rector until December, 1934. Under his leadership the Young Peoples Fellowship was formed in December, 1919. This group was one of the first such Episcopalian young people's group in the nation, and is the oldest in Massachusetts. The Diocesan Y.P.F. was started in our Chapel at a conference called by Mr. Wood and the Y.P.F. in June, 1921, and was attended by rectors and youth leaders from all



— Branzetti

Picture taken October, 1943. This is how the Church looked from 1907 to 1943

over Massachusetts. Among one of the young leaders at this Chapel meeting was our present rector, then Vice-President of the Y.P.F. at Saint John's, Winthrop, the second oldest such group in Massachusetts. The Diocesan Fellowship has grown to over 250 such groups in Massachusetts and has spread to a Provincial Fellowship Organization also due to the efforts of Mr. Wood.



Sketch around 1926 when "Lighted Cross" was first installed

For most of 1935 we were again without a rector but the work was nobly sustained by the Vestry and the church organizations. In 1935 the Reverend Harold E. Hallett, then curate at Saint Stephen's Church, Lynn, accepted a call and remained until January, 1938. He was a very conscientious worker and a very earnest pulpit speaker. He was just beginning to get acquainted when he was called to Christ Church, Quincy, Massachusetts. There he was forced to resign on account of illness after a brief pastorate. He is now happily situated as the rector of St. John's Church, Ross, California.

In March, 1938, the Vestry for a third time looked to the "*north country*" and issued a call to our present rector, the Rev. Richard P. McClintock, Rector of Saint Paul's Church. Lancaster, New Hampshire. He accepted the call on condition that

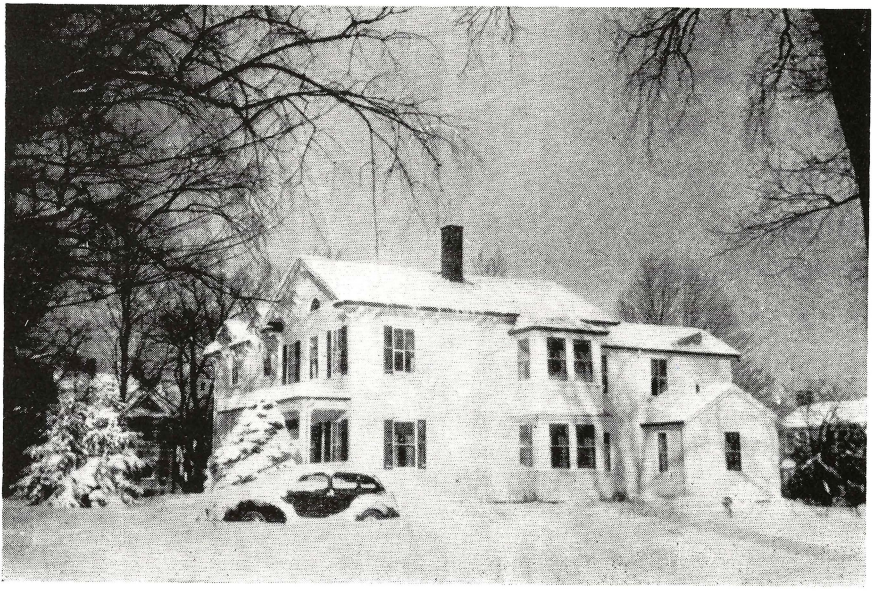
he be allowed to see his New Hampshire flock through Lent and Easter. The Vestry consented and The Rev. Dr. William H. P. Hatch supplied the interim and made many friends, while the Vestry under the leadership of Mr. Bridgeman and Professor Everett carried on the organizational work with gusto. Mr. McClintock was instituted as Rector by Bishop Sherrill on May 15, 1938. And from that day to this the Parish has grown and

— Horne Rider

Interior in the 20's

prospered. From 260 active communicants we now have over 400; the number of families on the Parish list has more than doubled in eight years; the average attendance on Sunday mornings during 1945 was 160. The answer to this amazing progress is quite simple: Rector and people have rolled up their sleeves and worked and prayed together and God has blessed our work and His!

The location of the Rectory down through the years is of interest. Henry Aiken Metcalf lived at the foot of Woodbine Street in a beautiful home that is now a Veterinary hospital. Mr. Matteson was first established at 336 Lexington Street and your editor was told a few years ago by John H. H. Turner that as a



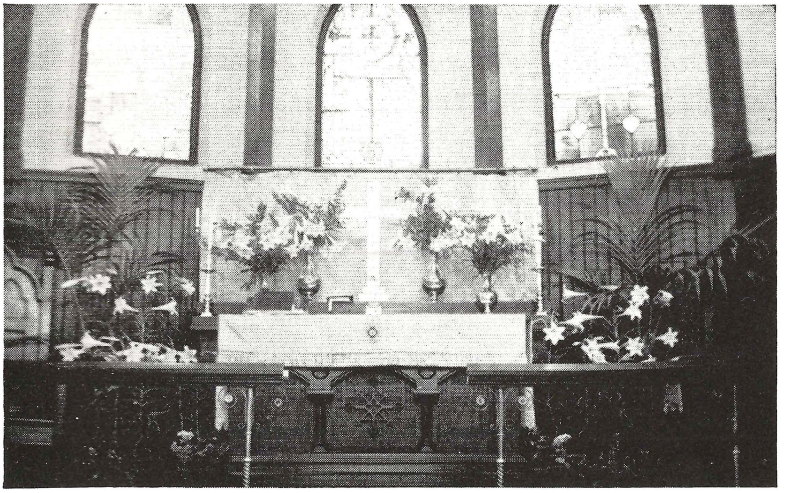
— McClintock

The Rectory, 175 Auburn Street

boy he always was able to pick out the house and knew it for the rectory because of the cupola which so resembles a church steeple. Mr. Matteson started as a teacher and in the back of his mind was the establishment of a boarding school for young ladies. The large house at 58 Auburn Street was purchased with this in view. The school was of short duration because of the heating problem of the large ell which was known as the "ice-box."

After the Woods suffered through the cold coal-less wartime winter of 1918, relief in the form of a new Rectory was sought. In 1920 the huge house was sold and has now become a two-family house. A house at 2039 Commonwealth Avenue became the "Rectory." This house was never suited for the purpose because of its location away from the church and the arrangement of the rooms was not suitable for much entertaining and meeting holding which so often falls the lot of the Rector.

In October, 1943, the Parish acquired the "Willner" property next to the church grounds. Remodeling and the establishment of the Rectory family therein was delayed by the fire of November, 1943. In November, 1944, the work was started



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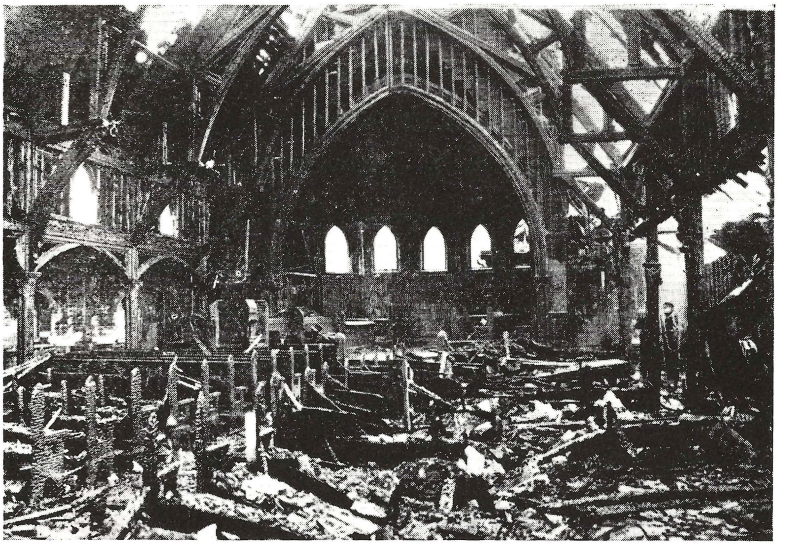
The Altar, Easter 1939



— Boston Globe

November 16, 1943

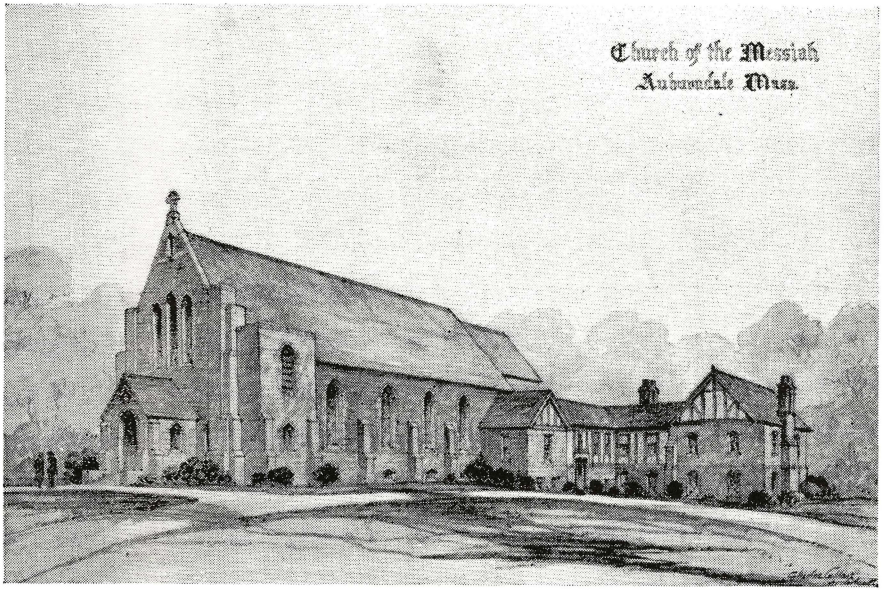
under the capable hands of Maurice Mosher, a member of the Parish, and the Rector moved in on February 15, 1945. The house at 175 Auburn Street is perfectly laid out for a Rectory, with the Rector's study by the front door and the beautiful living room opposite which is 30 by 20 and large enough for most any Parish social function. The location next door to the church makes it ideal for an efficient ministry and the entire set-up from Commonwealth Avenue to Rowe Terrace is one of the most attractive bits of church property anywhere in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On November 15, 1943, tragedy came to our beloved Church, when the entire plant was completely gutted and destroyed by a fire of unknown origin. It was indeed a heart-rending sight when many of us stood in the ruins the next day and watched the Rector digging to recover some of the Communion silver and the brasses which had not been saved by the firemen. But there amid the ashes and rubble was born the determination to rebuild as soon as possible. The nation was at war. Materials and manpower were scarce. Prices were high. Yet it seemed God's will that we should rise and build at once.

The days following the fire were exciting. Help came from unexpected sources; friend and foe, Jew and Gentile, members, former members, from the neighborhood, from sailors in the Pacific, from members in South America; from a stranger in Chicago, from our sister churches, and from community offerings unsolicited gifts began to pour in until $10,000 was in the Building Fund. The Vestry appointed the Rector and Messrs. McNutt, Allen, Edmands, Everett, Bridgeman, Jackson, Hawkins and Mosher to serve as a Building Committee. At the suggestion of the Bishop, Charles Collens was engaged as the architect. The Church Properties Fire Insurance Co. awarded us a total loss and paid over $53,000.00 into the Building Fund.

In December, 1943, Mary Jones Pratt, a humble soul who loved her church, died making the Church of the Messiah her residuary legatee. From the estate of this devoted Church member the Vestry was able to turn over $20,000 into the new church building.

At the Parish Meeting Rector and Architect showed some tentative plans for a new church building. It was lovely and contained every conceivable useful and ornamental object for

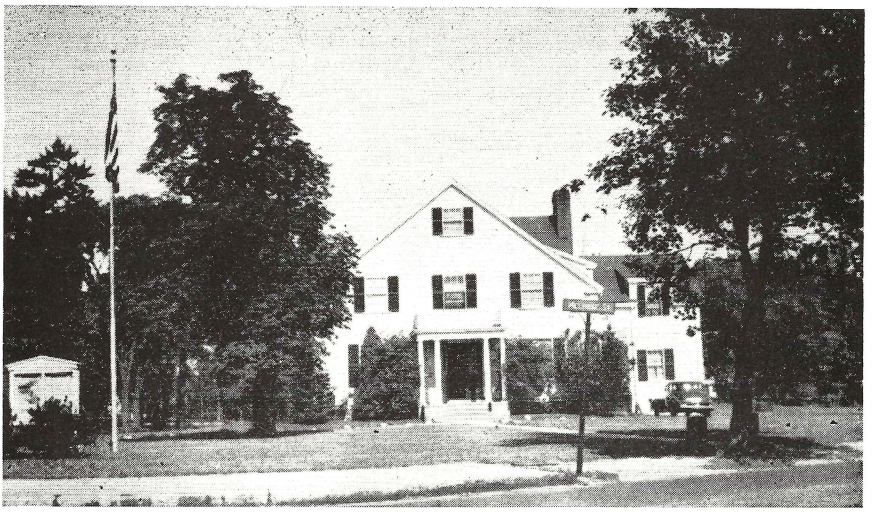


—Branzetti

The Architect's Drawing, 1944

a Parish Church and Parish House. But it was a dream church which would cost over $250,000. Back we went to the drawing board. An alternative plan was adopted in March and working drawings authorized. Permission to build was granted us by the War Production Board in May, 1944. Contract was let in July to William H. Porter Co. of Watertown and work began the first of August. On Sunday, October 15, 1944, in impressive ceremonies, the cornerstone was re-laid by Bishop Sherrill assisted by Mr. McClintock.

Meanwhile services were being held each Sunday in the Auburndale Club. The stage served as the sanctuary and the choir was seated on the main floor of the auditorium. On Communion Sundays temporary rails were placed on the main floor to save the congregation a trip up the steep steps to the stage. The Lounge was used as a side chapel for early Communion celebrations and for Baptisms. For marriages we simply became beggars and used whatever Parish Church the bride elected and in every case the Rectors of these parishes very graciously consented to such a use. The Centenary Church was loaned to us for special holy days such as Christmas and All Saints Day and



— Dunlap

Temporary Sunday Home — The Auburndale Club, 1943-1945

the Pastor, the Rev. Stephen Callendar conducted an unforgetable Christmas service during the illness of the Rector.

Easter Day, April 1st, 1945, marked our home-coming. We had been in exile for sixteen and one-half months and it was good to be home. Genuine tears of joy and thankfulness blended with our praise and thanksgiving that day. The Church was overcrowded and even the vestibule and steps were filled with people who had come to rejoice with us. It is true the job was not finished. The building was but a shell. There were rented chairs and the Rector had made a temporary Pulpit and Lectern, and renovated the children's altar which had been saved from the fire. The furnishings were temporary but there was a roof over our heads and it was our own. At last we were home and what a thrilling experience it had been.

From week to week the furnishings were added. Louis Lualdi of Cambridge did the Chancel furnishings. L. F. Detenborn of Hartford, Connecticut, made the pews and choir stalls. The windows were executed in the studios of Wilbur Herbert Burnham of Boston and the windows over the altar are a very excellent example of the best in modern stained glass. By Fall all was completed except an organ. The Church was dedicated on September 30, 1945, by Bishop Sherrill and the service was attended by many of the ministers of the City. In the Chancel

with the Rector and Bishop were former Rector John Matteson, the Rector's Rector, the Rev. Ralph Harper of Winthrop and Mayor Paul Goddard who spoke on behalf of the City. Following the service the 500 people present were invited to meet Mayor, Bishop, and Rector in the living room of the new Rectory. It was a great day for the Parish and the crowning climax to a long up-hill struggle.

In October the Vestry negotiated the purchase of a rebuilt Frazee three-manual organ and the Woman's Guild by a special gift purchased chimes to be installed in memory of former members. The organ was in playing condition for Christmas and was completed for Easter services in 1946. The total cost to us for the organ was $7,500. When the instrument was new some fifteen years ago it was installed for $25,000. A mortgage on the Rectory allowed us to pay for the organ temporarily until such time as an Organ Fund Drive is made.

— Branzetti

Interior September 30, 1945

The history of the Church of the Messiah during its first 75 years was recorded by the then Rector, Richard F. McClintock, and the Parish Historian, Miss Anne Bunker. They named it "The Messiah Miracle." And they named it well. Truly it was a miracle that the church survived the vicissitudes of personal and national warfare, a harrowing depression and a tragic fire.

The twenty-five years that followed have been much less dramatic but far more peaceful.

In March of 1945, the Vestry placed a memorial window in the Church in tribute to the late John H. H. Turner, Clerk of the Parish for many years. The following year, on September 9, Mr. Frank Pickett played his first service as the new organist and choirmaster, coming to the Messiah from St. Paul's in Newton Highlands. In October, still another Messiah stalwart died, Philip R. Bridgeman, and a window was installed in the church to honor his memory.

In November, 1946, the Rector recommended that the Vestry increase its membership and after discussion, it was voted to add two members to the body. A special parish meeting was called for December first to approve the change in the Constitution to provide for this increase.

One year later, in 1947, the Vestry discussed the possibility of building the badly needed Parish House wing. A construction estimate of $25,000 was presented for consideration and the Vestry authorized the Finance Commission to organize a campaign to raise the money. A yellowed newspaper clipping from January, 1947, gives us some details of that period.

"At the annual meeting of the Church of the Messiah, Auburndale, held Monday evening in the Normandie Room, Norumbega Park, attended by 200 members, Rev. Richard P. McClintock recommended a plan for the erection of a parish-house wing to be used for social, educational and recreational purposes. The plan was unanimously endorsed by all present. It is the aim of the parish, Mr. McClintock reported, to have all its activities under one roof by next December. The new addition would include a social hall adaptable for plays, suppers, basketball and badminton and also a modern kitchen, classrooms and needed storage space on the lower level."

Rev. McClintock recommended that a committee conduct a financial campaign during the month of February and when an amount of $15,000 was reached, that working drawings be obtained

and a call made for bids. The Rector was authorized to appoint a special building committee with specified powers. This was done, the committee being composed of the Rector as Chairman ex-officio, Maurice S. Ricker, Allen R. Ensign, William A. Jackson, Lowell D. MacNutt and Earle D. Wood.

Two months later the project foundered on finances when the special committee reported that the cost of a one-story Parish Hall wing, with the barest of essentials, would cost approximately twice as much as estimated. Since the fund-raising committee could hope to accumulate, at the most, $20,000, financing the remaining $30,000 loomed as an impossible burden. Regretfully, plans to build the wing were postponed indefinitely. But the goal was not abandoned; the Building Committee was appointed to keep the project alive by encouraging voluntary contributions to the Parish Hall Fund.

In April of '48, a special Communion Service celebrated Mr. McClintock's tenth anniversary as Rector of the Messiah and a purse of gratitude was presented to him. In June of that year, it was announced that Mrs. Carlton Blanchard would have charge of the Junior Choir during the coming year — the beginning of a personal dedication to the Messiah that would continue nobly for twenty-three years.

In February of '49, one of the living pillars of the church, Maurice E. Beardsley . . . half-a-century a Messiah vestryman and Warden . . . celebrated his 90th birthday.

In April, a year and a month after the parish had to postpone the building of the Parish Hall wing, a new Fund Raising Committee was appointed with Lyman Beggs as its chairman.

In May, 1950, Lowell MacNutt resigned as Parish Treasurer due to poor health. Happily, he lived on for thirteen more years.

At a special meeting of the Vestry in February of '51, Rev. McClintock submitted his resignation as Rector to accept a call to Trinity Church in Watertown. His final Sunday service was conducted on April 22 and a committee consisting of the two Wardens and William Jackson began interviewing candidates to fill the vacated post.

On May 13, a special meeting was called to review the most likely prospects, and it was voted to recommend the calling of Rev. Frederick W. Rapp, the Assistant at St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston. At the June Vestry meeting, it was announced that Mr. Rapp had accepted the call. Bishop Norman B. Nash con-

ducted the new Rector's Service of Institution the following September 9th and a welcoming reception was help for Mr. Rapp and his family on September 28th.

The new Parish Wing was not forgotten. In October, the Vestry, after careful consideration of bids, awarded the building contract to Donald S. Tait, Inc., whose bid was for $25,914 plus $904 for serving room equipment. These figures did not include heat and plumbing. The necessary financing was authorized and Mr. Rapp reported that the Watertown Savings Bank would extend a loan to the Parish for as much money as was needed at an interest rate of 4% with the amortization set at 3% per year.

Four months later, on February 6, 1952, the Vestry authorized Treasurer Weden to sign a note for $32,000 on behalf of the Messiah with the Watertown Savings Bank. Appropriately, nine months later, the new Parish Hall wing was born. And on November 14, the members of the Messiah gathered together in a joyous housewarming dinner in the new social hall.

By February of the following year, the industrious Tuesday Evening Club together with the Woman's Guild added a curtain and cyclorama draperies for the Parish Hall stage and paid for the construction of 8 supper tables and window shades for several rooms. The Messiah had many hardworking members and surely one of the most devoted was Mr. Paul Tardivel, whose untiring attention to the needs of our physical plant was recognized officially by the Vestry.

Meanwhile, at the organ, Mr. Pickett was struggling to coax beautiful music out of an obsolete, odds-and-ends instrument which needed a minimum expenditure of $2,000 to rebuild it into a reliable organ. His heroic efforts were to continue until March of 1954 when Mr. Conrad Olson was engaged to rehabilitate the ailing instrument for $492.

In July of 1954, Mr. Frederick Ingold was hired as Director of Youth Activities and Religious Education. The Tuesday Evening Club donated $400 to help defray this expense and pledged a similar sum for the following year. Not to be outdone, the Woman's Guild donated their Fair proceeds to help pay for a new motion picture projector for the church.

During the following year of '55, the new Parish Hall permitted a round of activities never before possible. A special concert by Boston University singers was presented; 23 young

men, supervised by Kemp Lambert and Curtis Reed, enjoyed a rousing basketball program climaxed by a gala Sports Night.

To add an intellectual touch, a circulating church library was created in July of '56 under the supervision of Ann Golding.

In December, Bishop Lawrence dedicated a magnificent organ screen and border given by Mr. and Mrs. Earle Wood in memory of Mrs. Wood's father, Bishop Davenport.

In May of '59, the Vestry authorized the printing and distribution of 500 copies of the newly adopted By-Laws. And in the same year, the Messiah received a generous gift of $5,000 representing a partial settlement of the Rachel Corrigan estate. But the year of '59 was not all roses.

In November, a special Parish Meeting was called to accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Rapp so that he might accept a call to St. Stephens in Port Washington, N. Y. The meeting also directed that Senior Warden Lambert chairman a committee to search for a new Rector. During the search, Rev. Nathaniel T. Whitcomb served as Interim Rector.

In January of the new year, the Pulpit Committee announced that Rev. Noseworthy, a Saugus rector and Archdeacon of Lowell, had been selected as our new rector. But one month later, Warden Lambert reported that although the decision to hire Mr. Noseworthy had been announced at both his Saugus church and at the Messiah, the Bishop felt that Mr. Noseworthy's declared preference for a future missionary post made it advisable that he remain in his Saugus church until the new opening occurred. The Parish was confused by the proceedings but not discouraged and continued its search for a permanent rector.

That same month, the Messiah lost two faithful workers to retirement: Treasurer Paul Tardivel and Historian Anne Bunker.

Meanwhile, the Finance Committee has recommended that $3,000 be spent on renovating and redecorating the Rectory. When the extensive and sorely needed work was completed, an Open House was held to allow Parish members to admire the transformation. We had a handsome Rectory, indeed. But it lacked the most important ingredient — a Rector.

The Pulpit Committee's search bore magnificent fruit. On April 24, Warden Beggs announced to the Vestry that Rev. Robert W. Golledge, Assistant Rector of the Church of the Atonement in Westfield, Mass., had been recommended unanimously by the committee as their prime choice. He was called by the

Parish and accepted. And on June 3, 1960, a reception was held to welcome Mr. Golledge and his family. Rev. Golledge conducted his first service at the Messiah on June 5th. The interim Rector, Rev. Whitcomb, was honored at a coffee hour on May 22 and presented an attache case in gratitude for his leadership during the preceding six months.

The following Fall, Bishop Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., conducted the Service of Institution of Mr. Golledge on Sunday, September 30. The new Rector requested the creation of a Discretionary Fund and it was decided that this would be funded from the plate collections of the 8 and 10 o'clock services on the first Sunday of the month. At the Rector's suggestion, a Seminarian from E.T.S. was to be assigned for the sum of $400 per year. In November of '60, Mrs. Carlton Blanchard became the full-time Secretary of the Parish.

Under the leadership of our new Rector, a Lasell Corporate Communion was held monthly followed by a breakfast for the students. And a $250 donation from the Harwood Fund was given to the Myrtle Baptist Church to help them purchase a new rectory.

In May of 1961, authorization was given by the Vestry for the construction of an L-shaped addition to the Church building to house the Rector's study and Parish secretary's office. The $8,000 cost was to be covered by monies from the Corrigan Fund and the wing was to be named the Rachel Corrigan Wing. Mr. Edward Edmunds was hired as the contractor.

In June, Rev. Golledge announced that the three Protestant clergy of Auburndale had met to discuss the possibility of a joint program for children in grades 1 through 6 of the Church School.

The following September, Rev. Golledge presented two proposals for disposition of the accumulated amount in the Memorial Fund. One was for the purchase of a large wooden cross to be suspended above the altar and for a new dossal. The second was for a steel or bronze lighted bulletin board to be installed in front of the Church. The Vestry approved both.

In late July of 1962, death took Mrs. Mae Matheny, Financial Secretary of the Church for many years. And in October, Miss Eleanor Bartlett, assisted by Mrs. John Palen, organized the first Messiah Antique Show with dealers from all over New England displaying their treasures in a gallery of mini-shops stretched throughout the Parish Hall. It was a great artistic

and financial success and became a traditional event at the Messiah.

Meanwhile, back at the organ, Mr. Pickett had reached the end of his patience and his inventiveness in pumping melody from an exhausted instrument. The tired old organ should be allowed to die in peace before it died in pieces. So on August 7, Vestryman Both, after a meticulous investigation, presented a bid of $19,339 for a new organ from Mr. Conrad Olson. The bid was accepted with the installation to be begun immediately following the Easter services of 1963.

And so it was on September 29, 1963, the 18th anniversary of the dedication of the present church building, that the new organ was dedicated. Mr. Pickett presented a 15-minute organ recital as prelude to the 10:30 service and Parish members who had committed themselves to paying for the new organ nodded beaming approval for the dulcet tones which filled the church that morning. Mr. Pickett beamed, too.

In early 1964, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Beggs moved to Georgia leaving a void in the Parish family of loyal supporters and workers. Mrs. Beardsley, Messiah's oldest parishioner, celebrated her 96th birthday on January 16. She passed away one year later.

At the invitation of the Rector, the Lenox School Boys' Choir sang at the 10:30 service on January 19th and the School's Headmaster preached the sermon.

In the Fall of '65, the Parish participated in a blood-donation program with the Red Cross which allowed our entire Parish membership to be covered for any blood needs because of illness if 10% of our members donated one pint of blood per year. The Couples Club organized the program and 23 donors reported on the first scheduled day.

Folk music had become the enthusiasm of the young in 1966 and the Messiah, acknowledging the trend, held its first Folk Song Mass on Palm Sunday that year. There was standing room only as more than 350 people crowded into the church.

In June of '67, Mr. Pickett announced his retirement as organist and choirmaster. In his 22 years at the Messiah, he had never missed a service until the Christmas season of '66 when back trouble forced him to leave the music in the hands of a substitute.

A new venture in church-school education was launched in September of '67 when a combined week-day school held its first session. The participating churches were, besides the Messiah,

the Auburndale Congregational Church and St. John's in Newtonville. And by the end of the first year, the Auburndale Methodist Church joined the group. That same Fall, the Messiah hired a new organist and choirmaster . . . Mr. Arthur Fultz.

The new year dawned on a new development. For the first time in the history of the Parish, women were elected to the Vestry: Mrs. Richard A. Crosby and Mrs. D. J. Bailey, both wives of former Senior Wardens. Two years later, Mrs. R. Curtis Reed became the third woman elected to theVestry, having served in 1968 as President of Church Women United of Newton.

Operation Fish Hook enlisted many members of the Parish to reach every home in Auburndale and West Newton by telephone to extend an invitation to worship at one of our local churches. Twelve hundred and eighty-seven phone calls were made and indicated the following religious affiliations: Roman Catholic 584, Congregational 193, Episcopal 102, Methodist 88, Jewish 94, Protestant outside Auburndale 119, no church affiliation 107.

In February, the Messiah had its picture taken — collectively and individually. At no expense to the church, portraits of each family were taken by a professional photographer from Pictorial Church Directories of America, St. Louis, Missouri. All of the photographs were reproduced in a spiral-bound book, a copy of which was given free to each family in the Parish.

In August, Mrs. Hubert Ames resigned as Financial Secretary of the Parish when she and her husband moved from Auburndale. Mrs. Nancy Quinn accepted the post of Financial Secretary and is currently serving in that capacity.

The new year '69 was rung in with a new organist and choirmaster, Mr. Peter Stapleton, who brought a young enthusiasm to the Parish and its music.

During this same month, the Rector called on the Vestry for special fund-raising ideas to support the work of the church. A suggestion from Mrs. Bailey was adopted and she was named chairman to organize and direct the activity called "The Parable of the Talents." On February 23, 1969, each member of the Parish was given a brand new five dollar bill to invest in their God-given abilities so that each might return the investment in a doubled or tripled amount. At a Talent Tally dinner on May 16th, progress reports told of the successes to that point and a special display featured products for sale and services for hire. The Talent Program unearthed many hidden talents among our

Parish members from candle dipping to custom knitting and from ceramic Christmas trees to shell wreaths. One of our enterprising vestrymen put the juice of the grape to work to increase his talents . . . not *making* wine but selling it. And he ran out of wine long before he ran out of customers!

Then on November 21, everyone in the Parish gathered for the Talent Harvest Dinner at the Parish Hall featuring spaghetti and meat balls, good fellowship and good fortune for God's work. The in-gathering of talents was overwhelming to even the most optimistic supporter. Messiah's special talents had been multiplied to an impressive amount — well over $2,000.

February of '69 provided another first for the Parish — women ushers. And in June, Anne Bunker, a parishioner of many decades and the Church Historian, moved to Concord, New Hampshire, and celebrated her 90th birthday.

The summer of '69 is memorable for several reasons. A surprise party was given to honor Mrs. Carlton Blanchard for 21 years of service as Junior Choir Director. Two bequeaths were received by the Parish, one for $2,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Caunt and one for $2,500 from the estate of Beulah Edwards. The Parish was saddened to learn of the death of former Warden and Vestryman Earle Wood, a loyal churchman whose guidance and steadying influence made his loss all the greater.

Rev. Golledge was appointed by the Bishop to be Chairman of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and one of his most important assignments would be to assist in planning the enthronement and installation of Bishop Burgess as Diocesan Bishop.

In September, the Rector announced that the Episcopal clergy of Newton would meet to evaluate the position of the Episcopal church in our city. In October, our former rector, Mr. McClintock retired and the Parish sent him a letter of good wishes and gratitude for his leadership.

On the 17th day of the new year, the Right Reverend John Burgess was installed as Bishop of the Diocese. Our Rector was Master of Ceremonies for the impressive and moving occasion at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Boston.

On Sunday, February 8, the first Vestry Day in our Parish history began with Vestry members worshipping together at the 8:00 o'clock service and then driving, with the Rector, to The Wayside Inn in Sudbury for an all-day meeting to consider together plans and hopes for the coming year and beyond. The

changing scene in both our church and the world was the critical point of discussion throughout the day. And, after many hours of exchanging ideas, examining problems and setting goals, the Vestry and Rector dedicated themselves anew to building a stronger, richer, more relevant program for every Parish member.

On February 11, Bishop Burgess was the guest speaker and chief celebrant at an all-Newton Episcopal service at the Messiah on Ash Wednesday evening. Wardens from participating churches ushered.

Continuing a program of cooperation among the village churches, a concert of sacred music was presented by the combined choirs of the Auburndale churches and the Cantor of Temple Reyim at the Auburndale Club on March 11. And, on Good Friday, the Faure Requiem was sung at our church by the combined choirs of the Messiah, Auburndale Congregational Church, Centenary Methodist Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Waban.

In May of '70, Mr. Golledge was elected President of the Clergy Association of the Diocese. In that same month, the three Auburndale Protestant churches combined their efforts on a Drug Education Program for junior and senior highschool students and their parents. Meetings were held Wednesday evenings at the Messiah with Mr. Farrar and Mr. Milgroom helping to lead the discussions, both of whom had prepared for the program by attending a study-conference on drugs at the Metropolitan State Hospital.

As the Fall season of '70 began, the Rev. Zane Gordy became our new organist and choirmaster. On October 11, Miss Anne Bunker died in her 91st year and services were held for her at the Messiah. On November 8, the Vestry unanimously approved removing the present voting age requirement of 21 years from our By-Laws and set about taking the necessary steps to bring the recommendation before the Parish.

For the first time since the new church building was erected, the church interior was painted — a sparkling white with a soft sky-blue on the walls of the chancel. Again, as so often in the past history of the Messiah, the Tuesday Evening Club contributed generously to help defray the cost. And again, Parish members took up brushes and painted their way through parlor, kitchen and powder room.

At the beginning of our Centennial year, 1971, Curt Reed was appointed chairman of the celebration. He selected for his

committee several former Wardens as well as other Parish members to decide upon a worthy program to mark this important anniversary.

Three months later, the ides of March brought the unhappy news that our Rector was leaving the Messiah to accept a call as Vicar of Christ Church, Boston, the world-famous Old North Church. April 25th was Mr. Golledge's last Sunday service at the Messiah and there were many heavy hearts in the congregation as we watched the beloved Golledge family walk out of our church. But we found some comfort in the knowledge that they were not walking out of our lives.

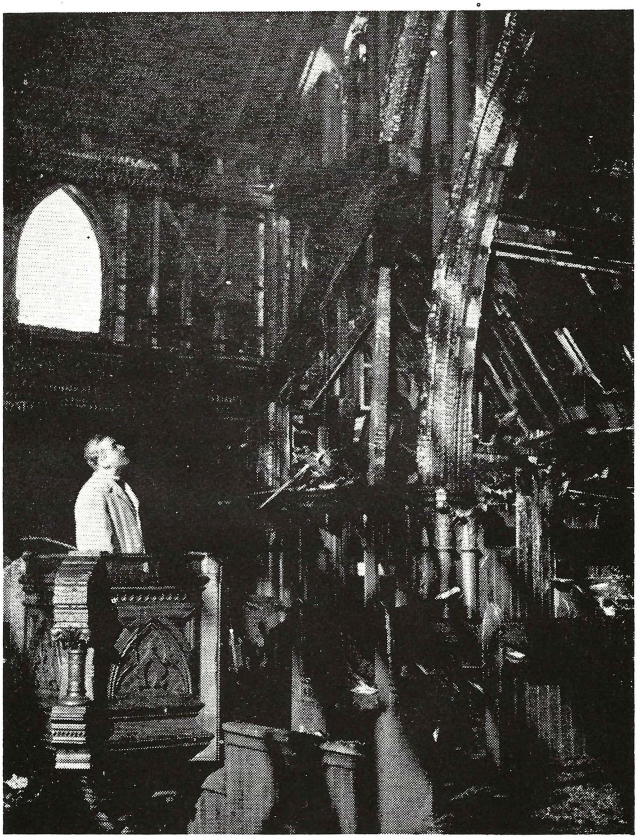
On a rainy Sunday evening in May, almost a hundred members of the Messiah boarded two buses and headed for the Old North Church to attend Rev. Golledge's Service of Installation. Bishop Burgess conducted the service.

The Messiah is but a prayer away from becoming a centenarian. On November 6, our Parish will begin its second century. We have much to celebrate. But we have even more to dedicate ourselves to in this new century of life and service. Seventy-one years ago, the Messiah was the *only* church on Commonwealth Avenue all the way out from Boston. In the past quarter century, it has become a landmark as "the church of the lighted cross." May it please God that the Parish of the Messiah can do His work show forth His praise for many generations yet unborn. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

Church of The Messiah Junior Choir

Church of The Messiah Senior Choir

Ground breaking for Rachel Corrigan Memorial Wing which houses offices for Rector and secretary



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"Looking to the Future"

THUMBNAIL BIOGRAPHIES *of the* RECTORS

John Matteson, born Providence, Rhode Island, June 12, 1860; Brown, 1886; E. T. S. at Cambridge, 1891; Instructor at Brown, 1889–90. Ordained by Bishop Clark, 1890; first Parish West Newton and Auburndale, 1891 to 1914; Whitman and Rockland, 1914 to 1939, when he retired to live in Rockland. Died April 17, 1947.

Harry Beal, born Oneida, New York, May 26, 1885. Yale, 1906, E. T. S. at Cambridge, 1911. Master at S. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., 1906–08. Ordained, 1911; Rector S. Paul's, Constableville, N. Y., 1911–14; Messiah, West Newton and Auburndale, 1914–17; Grace, New Bedford, 1917–23; Dean, Havana, 1923–26; Dean, Los Angeles, 1926–37; Bishop of the Panama Canal Zone, 1937. Died suddenly in Panama, 1944.

Percival Matson Wood, born Brooklyn, New York, October 10, 1875. Trinity College, B.A., 1897; M.A., 1900; Harvard, M.A., 1920; General Theological School, N. Y., 1902. Ordained, 1900. Curate Bernardsville, N. J., 1900–02; S. Paul's, Denver, Colo. 1902–05; Delta, Colo. 1905–07; Missioner, Trenton, N. J., 1908–09; S. Barnabas, Berlin, N. H., 1909–17; Messiah, West Newton and Auburndale, 1917–34; Athol and Winchendon, Mass., 1934–43. Retired to live at 62 Elm Street, Huntington, Long Island. Died May 29, 1952.

Harold Ernest Hallett, born Pasadena, Calif., July 21, 1908; U.C.L.A., 1929, E.T.S. at Cambridge, 1932. Ordained, 1932; curate S. Stephen's, Lynn, 1933–35; Messiah, West Newton and Auburndale, 1935–38; Christ Church, Quincy, 1938–41; at present Rector of Saint John's Church, Ross, California.

Richard Polson McClintock, born Winthrop, Mass., October 3, 1904; Dartmouth, 1926; E.T.S. at Cambridge, 1929. Ordained by Bishop Charles L. Slattery, 1929. Rector S. Paul's, Lancaster, N. H., 1929–38; Minister-in-charge All Saints, Littleton, 1933–35; Chaplain Instructor at S. Mary's School, Franconia, 1934–35; Rector Church of the Messiah, West Newton and Auburndale, 1938–51; Executive Secretary Newton Council of Churches, 1946–51; Rector Trinity Church, Watertown, N. Y., 1951–54; Rector Grace Church, Medford and Chaplain of Episcopal Students at Tufts College, 1954–64; Rector S. James Church, Somerville and Tufts Chaplain, 1964–69; Retired and living at 178 Oakland Ave., Arlington, Mass.

Frederick Walter Rapp, born Dayton, Ohio, September 25, 1914; Bicknell Univ., 1936; Andover Newton Theological School, 1939; Harvard, 1942–44; E.T.S. at Cambridge, 1948. Ordained by Bishop Nash, 1948. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Brookville, Conn., 1939–42; Pastor, First Baptist Church, Milton, Mass., 1942–45; Pastor, Union Church, Watertown, Mass., 1945–50; Assistant, St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, Mass., 1950–51; Rector, Church of the Messiah, Auburndale, 1951–59; on staff of St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, 1951–56; Instructor, Lasell Junior College, Auburndale, 1956–59; at present, Rector, St. Stephen's Church, Port Washington, N. Y.

Robert Walter Golledge, born Worcester, Mass., May 19, 1933; Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., 1955; E.T.S. at Cambridge, 1958. Ordained by Bishop Hatch, 1958; Assistant, Church of the Atonement, Westfield, Mass., 1958–60; Rector, Church of the Messiah, Auburndale, 1960–71; Board of Directors, Newton Chapter, American Red Cross, 1967– ; Chairman, Diocesan Liturgical Commission, 1969– ; Lecturer in Psychology, Newton Junior College, 1970– ; President, Mass. Clerical Association, 1970–71; at present, Vicar of Christ Church (Old North Church), Boston.

The Reverend William Charles Lowe, born Pasadena, California, July 19, 1938. Graduated, Pasadena High School, Pasadena, California, 1956; B.A., Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, 1966; Cuddesdon College, Oxford, 1966–67; a year of graduate theological study under the sponsorship of the Archbishop of Canterbury; travel in Europe; B.D., Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1969; Seminary employment: Periodicals Librarian, E.T.S. Library; Field Work: Margaret Fuller Settlement House, Cambridge, Mass., Trinity Church, Weymouth, Massachusetts; Diaconate: June 21, 1969, the Right Reverend Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr.; Priesthood: May 16, 1970, the Right Reverend Edmund Knox Sherrill.

1971–72: Member of the Diocesan Commission on Church Music.
Currently a member of the Diocesan Commission on Liturgy.
Currently a member of the Academy of Parish Clergy.
Currently a member of the Associated Parishes.
Currently a member of the Massachusetts Clerical Association.

Currently a member of the Clerical Club of Boston.
Currently a member of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.
Currently Regional Representative of the Bard College Alumni Association.
Currently a member of the Executive Committee, Bard College Alumni.

Messiah's Altar 1971

OFFICERS OF THE PARISH, 1871-1971

Wardens

Senior Warden

G. Willard Rice, 1871–72
Julius Pelton, 1873
S. L. Pratt, 1874
Levi F. Warren, 1875–76
A. E. Swazey, 1877
Charles E. Parker, 1877–82, 89
George B. Knapp, 1883
Nathaniel F. Nye, 1884–95
Vine D. Baldwin, 1896–1908
Manley U. Adams, 1909–20
Edgar Ward, 1921–24
William Coulson, Sr., 1925–26

Junior Warden

Wells D. Meek, 1871
Julius Pelton, 1872
Jeremiah Allen, 1873
F. A. Hardy, 1874
F. G. L. Henderson, 1876–80
Walter Ware, 1881–83
A. F. Clark, 1884
W. R. Caulkins, 1885–86
C. E. Parker, 1887–89
V. D. Baldwin, 1889
John G. Litch, 1889
V. D. Baldwin, 1890–95
W. T. Farley, 1896–1909
William Goodrich, 1910–18
William W. Heckman, 1919
M. E. Beardsley, 1920–26

The Rotating Vestry plan was adopted and Wardens have since been elected for four-year terms.

Maurice E. Beardsley, 1926–30
Winsor G. Sampson, 1928–32
Philip R. Bridgeman, 1930–34
Thomas W. Ferguson, 1932–36
Earle D. Wood, 1934–38
Philip R. Bridgeman, 1936–40
Thomas W. Ferguson, 1938–39
Dr. Charles D. Ansley, 1939–42
Albert E. Everett, 1940–44
Lowell D. MacNutt, 1942–46
William A. Jackson, 1944–48
Maurice S. Ricker, 1946–50
Joseph A. Hibsher, 1950–54
Allen R. Ensign, 1948–52
Clifford H. Beecher, 1954–56
Robert Wilkes, 1953–55
George M. Hansen, 1956–58
L. Kemp Lambert, Jr., 1956–60
Frederick L. Rockefeller, 1958–59
Lyman Beggs, 1959–62
D. J. Bailey, 1960–64
Earle D. Wood, 1962–66
Richard A. Crosby, 1964–66
O. Murray Both, 1966
Robert P. Freeto, 1966–70
Philip Stoner, 1968–72
David L. McElroy, 1970–72

Officers of the Parish, 1871-1971 — *Continued*

Clerks

Julius H. Pelton, 1871
F. A. Hardy, 1872–73
Gardiner P. Gates, 1874–77
Charles E. Parker, 1877–79
Henry L. Jewett, 1880–81
Nathaniel F. Nye, 1882–86
Henry R. Turner, 1887
C. L. Markham, 1888–90
John W. Bird, 1891–97
Richard E. Ashenden, 1898
William I. Goodrich, 1899–1909
Franklin S. Hoyt, 1910–15
Winsor G. Sampson, 1916–27
Ray C. Smith, 1928
James R. Holden, 1929
Thor A. Rylander, 1930–33
James R. Holden, 1934–35
Lowell D. MacNutt, 1936
John H. H. Turner, 1937–38
Lowell D. MacNutt, 1939–41
Earle D. Wood, 1942
John H. H. Turner, 1943–45
Lawrence L. Fidalgo, 1945
Allen R. Ensign, 1946–47
Joseph A. Hibsher, 1948–49
Raymond C. Wass, 1950–53
Richard M. Barnes, 1954–56
Hubert E. Ames, 1957–59
Fred L. Tompkins, III, 1960
Joseph A. Hibsher, 1961
Hubert E. Ames, 1962–65
S. Page Cotton, 1966–68
Mrs. Richard A. Crosby, 1969–71

Treasurers

Jeremiah Allen, 1871
Julius H. Pelton, 1872
L. H. Chase, 1873
Dr. Thayer, 1874–77
Hezekiah Earle, 1877–1882
C. Willard Carter, 1883–86
Nathaniel F. Nye, 1887–88
William Hinman, 1889
C. Willard Carter, 1890
Henry L. Jewett, 1890
W. T. Farley, 1891
Henry L. Jewett, 1892–93
W. I. Goodrich, 1894–96
Henry L. Jewett, 1897
E. J. Ethier, 1898
George P. Howlett, 1899–1906
Edgar Ward, 1907–16
Edmund J. Wilson, 1917–22
John H. H. Turner, 1923–29
James R. Holden, 1930
P. R. Bridgeman, 1931
Winsor Sampson, 1932–34
Earle D. Wood, 1935
P. R. Bridgeman, 1936–37
Earle D. Wood, 1938–40
George M. Hansen, 1941
William A. Jackson, 1941–42
Maurice S. Ricker, 1943–45
Edgar J. Boardman, 1945
Lowell D. MacNutt, 1946–50
O. Raymond Weden, 1951–52
Allen R. Ensign, 1953
Paul H. Tardivel, 1954
Raymond W. Woolston, 1955
Paul H. Tardivel, 1956–59
Philip Stoner, 1960
Paul Leighton, 1961–62
Henry M. Ferrick, 1963–65
Robert Bancroft, 1969–71

Vestrymen, 1871-1971

After each name there appears the year which that person was first elected to the Vestry. There is no attempt to give all the years of all these men but an attempt has been made to indicate some outstanding terms of service. Maurice E. Beardsley holds the record for all time service. He served 31 years as a vestryman, and ten years as Warden.

Gearfield Learned, 1871
Levi F. Warren, 1871–77
Dr. John Renton, 1872
Charles G. Fletcher, 1874–88
William Wallace, 1876
Charles B. Bourne, 1878–84
Nathaniel Nye, 1879
James Ford, 1881
Arthur F. Clarke, 1883
George B. Knapp, 1884
H. A. Pemberton, 1885
Henry R. Turner, 1887–1906
H. F. Blogg, 1888
W. T. Farley, 1889
W. S. Hinman, 1891–96
Dr. Henry P. Perkins, 1892–98
H. T. Knight, 1894
Walter C. Ware, 1894–1908
Manley U. Adams, 1899–1908
Jarvis Lamson, 1902–15
Benjamin K. Brown, 1907
Franklin S. Hoyt, 1909–15
Dr. W. C. Canfield, 1910–12
James Patchett, 1915–21
M. H. Sheridan, 1918
James Dunlop, 1919–25
James R. Holden, 1921–30
Charles M. Burgess, 1922
C. C. Willson, 1924–37
Wells D. Meek, 1871
J. E. Larkin, 1871
William Dolbeare, 1874
Samuel L. Pratt, 1875–77
Hezekiah Earl, 1877
W. B. Hardy, 1878–80
J. W. Woodruff, 1879–82
H. S. Macomber, 1882
James Lister, Jr., 1883
Philip Willner, 1885–87
William H. Baker, 1886
Vine D. Baldwin, 1887–
E. Anderson, 1889
Maurice Beardsley, 1889, 1895–1920, 1931–35
W. Mayo, 1892–97
J. H. Vose, 1895
George P. Howlett, 1897
Dr. Henry B. Chandler, 1899
George W. McNear, 1904–14
H. Winthrop Chandler, 1907
T. D. Baldwin, 1909–20
George H. Page, 1910
John H. H. Turner, 1915–45
R. B. Pierpont, 1918
John I. Heibeck, 1920
Harry A. Preston, 1921–24
Theo. W. Dearborn, Sr., 1922
Frank Burton, 1925
L. H. Chase, 1871–77
W. H. Colton, 1872
Dr. Thayer, 1873
F. A. Hardy, 1876
C. E. Parker, 1877–86
Walter C. Ware, 1879
C. Willard Carter, 1881–89
Henry L. Jewett, 1882–1904

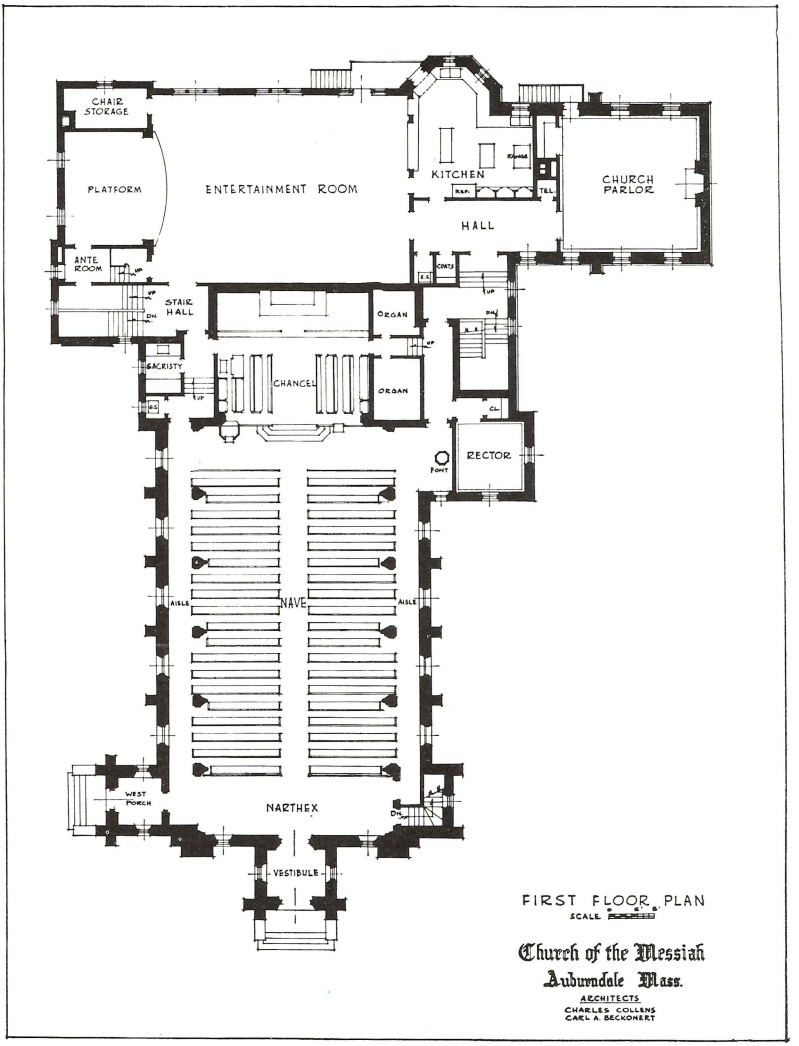
Vestrymen, 1871-1971 — *Continued*

L. Frank Johnson, 1884–87
F. P. Barnes, 1885
William Lawrie, 1886–91
Joseph Foster, 1888
John W. Bird, 1889–99
C. L. Markham, 1891–97
Rich'd E. Ashenden, 1892–1908
C. S. Sprague, 1893
E. J. Ethier, 1896
Samuel C. Bennett, 1898–1914
William Henry Smith, 1900
Edgar Ward, 1905–26
J. W. Wildman, 1909–12
F. P. Gove, 1909
W. W. Heckman, 1912–38
J. A. Cochran, 1916
William Coulson, Sr., 1919–25
John M. Burr, 1921–25
Dr. C. Ansley, 1922-
E. I. Wilson, 1923
Winsor Sampson, 1926

The Rotating Vestry was adopted in 1926
Usual terms are for four years

Robert D. Watters, 1926
Raymond Sikes, 1926
Ray C. Smith, 1927
W. U. Fogwill, 1928
P. R. Bridgeman, 1928, 1944
Thor Rylander, 1928
William Coulson, Jr., 1929
Edgar A. Butz, 1929
Douglas Foster, 1930
Earle D. Wood, 1931, 1946, 1958
Harold J. Considine, 1931
Thomas Ferguson, 1933
J. Arthur Wilson, 1934
E. T. Edmands, 1935
Lowell D.MacNutt, 1935
John E. Woodacre, 1936
Ernest Braithwaite, 1936
Harvey Butt, 1937
Percy E. Smith, 1937
Albert E. Everett, 1937
Arthur J. Leydon, 1937
Paul W. Kieser, 1939
William A. Jackson, 1940, 1949
Herbert N. McGill, 1940
George M. Hansen, 1940, 1947, 1955, 1959
Basil F. Hawkins, 1941
Paul Tardivel, 1941, 1951, 1960
Walter E. Duncan, 1941
Ralph Sayers, 1942
Maurice S. Ricker, 1943
Lawrence Allen, 1943
Norman W. Rowley, 1944
L. L. Fidalgo, 1944
Edgar J. Boardman, 1945
Robert H. Smith, 1946
T. W. Dearborn, Jr., 1946
Allen R. Ensign, 1946
Raymond C. Wass, 1946, 1954
E. T. Edmands, 1947
Albert Marshall, 1947, 1956
Henry Stafford, 1947
John D. Wallstrom, 1948
Lyman Beggs, 1949
Clarence H. Bierman, 1949
Joseph A. Hibsher, 1950, 1955, 1962
F. Bennett Jackson, 1950

O. Raymond Weden, 1950
Clifford H. Beecher, 1951
Russell A. Cook, 1951
Robert Wilkes, 1951, 1957
Alan S. Eldredge, 1952, 1967
Richard M. Barnes, 1953, 1957
Ernest Clark, 1953
S. Page Cotton, 1953, 1965
L. Kemp Lambert, Jr., 1953, 1961
Ray N. Simpson, 1954, 1960
D. J. Bailey, 1954, 1958
Brooks F. Smith, 1954
Frederick L. Rockefeller, 1955
Joseph R. Scott, 1955, 1964
Albert Marshall, 1956
Hubert E. Ames, 1956, 1966
Richard A. Crosby, 1957
Philip Stoner, 1957, 1961, 1966
Edward Besse, 1958
Richard Wise, 1958
Paul Leighton, 1959
William F. Blackwood, 1960
Fred L. Tompkins, 1961
John B. G. Palen, 1961
Salvatore DiRusso, 1962
Henry M. Ferrick, 1962, 1966
O. Murray Both, 1962, 1970
David L. McElroy, 1962
Norman C. Vokes, 1962
George E. Smith, 1963
Alfred M. Davenport, 1964
Robert P. Freeto, 1964
Henry H. Ide, 1965, 1969
R. Curtis Reed, 1965
John Ekizian, 1966
John A. Rule, 1967
Russell G. Gasdia, 1966
Mrs. D. J. Bailey, 1968
Mrs. Richard A. Crosby, 1968
William C. Powers, 1968
Richard E. Dahlberg, 1969
Franklin Farrar, 1969
John F. Clemons, 1969
John S. Jenus, 1970
S. Russell Powers, 1971
Mrs. R. Curtis Reed, 1971



Completed Plan — Showing Social Wing